

**Vasquez Blvd/I70 Superfund Site, Operable Unit 1, Residential Property Cleanup, May 21, 2004 Update.**2004 Summary Statistics

Date Construction Started:	February 17, 2004
Properties Completed prior to May 1	65
Properties Completed May 1 - 21	25
Properties Completed in 2004	90
2004 Property Cleanup Goal	300

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1. EPA and ASARCO have reached an agreement-in-principle regarding liability for Operable Unit 1 of the VB/I70 Site. The agreement will allow EPA to place excavated residential soils on the ASARCO Globe Plant permanently. The VB/I70 soils placed on the Globe Plant will be managed by ASARCO under the guidelines established by the State of Colorado for the ASARCO Globe Plant Superfund Site Cleanup. In addition, ASARCO will conduct soil remediation at 100 properties located within the VB/I70 site. A consent decree to formalize this agreement is being negotiated with ASARCO. Prior to finalizing the consent decree, EPA will be able to place soils on the ASARCO Globe Plant.

Background

Soil removal was started on February 17, 2004 using funds obligated to the project in 2003. Soil cleanup consists of the removal of 12 inches of soil with elevated levels of lead and/or arsenic. The cleanup levels established for lead and arsenic at this site are 400 ppm and 70 ppm, respectively. Residential yards are landscaped to a condition similar to that which existed prior to soil removal.

EPA has budgeted \$8.0 million of FY2004 remedial action funds to continue the remedial action at Operable Unit 1, residential properties. With these funds, EPA is planning to complete soil removal on an additional 300 properties, conduct exterior lead base paint abatement necessary to protect the soil removal remedy, sample properties which had not been previously evaluated for lead and arsenic soil levels, and implement the Community Health Program.

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